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My dear Mr Green,

I received with great interest & pleasure your very able & instructive contribution to our revolutionary history. The style is clear & vigorous; & the effect of the work is likely to be excellent.

You bid me notice things from what I dissent. In the case of the trial for the Boston massacre, there was no wish for a judicial murder & no danger, ^{of us.} The people insisted that the authors of

make him fear any action in his other son, that might by any possibility be thought favorable to the party of the Whigs on -

So too, in speaking of Hamilton. I regret that a
Man of such eminent merit as yours should ^{or seem to resign} resign Washington's
merits to Hamilton. The letter which H. as W.'s secretary wrote for him
was in every sense but that of the handwriting a proper act of a secretary
Washington's own. Never did a public man so completely supervise all his
acts & writings as Washington. You cannot tell whom he consulted as advisers from
what he wrote. His own mind pervades his acts & his writings. The mode of

it should be brought to trial: the town of
Boston wished them to have a fair trial &
every opportunity of defence - The pretence
that it was self-sacrificing virtue in
J. Adams & Quincy to assume the defence
of the accused against the passions of the people
is pure fiction, created by that family
vanity which has so much marked our
history. There is not a shadow of evidence for
the supposition & a mass of it the other way.
The sensitiveness of Quincy's father grew out of
his having one son a Tory of a bad type; which

statement of what H. wrote over the signature of W. is everything to
my sense of fairness, & I am sure it must be to yours. Yet your words might
be used to favor it.

If I did think very highly of your volume, I should not have said
what I have. Your merit makes your opinion important.

I hope we are soon to see the correspondence of Greene.

I remain very dear W. Greene,

Very truly yours obliged.

Geo. Bancroft

P.S. I expect
to go to Newport
tomorrow.

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